be ecouraged to consider a single regulatory commission for all infrastructure sectors, an approach which may be more productive and cost-effective as compared to sectoral regulators for each sector.

Development of Adam's Bridge as Tourist Spot

†284. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of people going to see Adam's Bridge has suddenly increased;

(b) whether it includes foreign tourists also; and

(c) whether a suggestion has come that it should be developed as a tourist spot so that more benefit can be taken than the savings occurring from the Sethusamudram project?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BALLU): (a) and (b) there is no access to Adam's Bridge by way of land transport or scheduled sea transport and the sea is rough and risky, Hence the question of foreign or Indian tourists visiting Adam's Bridge does not arise

(c) No such suggestion has been received.

Cost overrun in Construction of Delhi-Gurgaon National Highway

†285. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that road construction on National Highway No. 8 between Delhi and Gurgaon has been completed;

(b) if so, whether construction cost of the project has overrun the one originally estimated;

(c) if so, the original construction cost and actual construction cost, respectively; and

(d) the reasons for the cost overrun?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRASNPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The total project cost was estimated as Rs. 555 crore. The work was awarded on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis at a negative grant of Rs. 61.06 crore. The entire construction cost of the project has been borne by the Concessionaire. The Change of Scope works amounting to Rs. 155.25 crore (including share of Haryana Government) was approved as per the requirement of Haryana and Delhi Governments and keeping in view requirement of traffic due to rapid development in gurgaon in the last 4 to 5 Years. This was borne by the National Highways authority of India. The total cost of construction is approx. Rs. 710 crore.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.